औद्योगिक उत्पादन में वृद्धि

2804. **श्री जनार्दन पुजारी:** क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या चालू वर्ष की पहली तिमाही के दौरान औद्योगिक उत्पादन में 15 प्रतिशत वृद्धि दृष्टिगोचर हुई है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो किन-किन उद्योगों में इसी अवधि के दौरान उत्पादन वृद्धि नहीं दिखायी पड़ी है और इसके क्या कारण हैं?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री मुरासोली मारन): (क) चालू वर्ष की प्रथम तिमाही अर्थात जनवरी-मार्च, 1996 के दौरान औद्योगिक उत्पादन की औसत वृद्धि दर 12.0% रही।

(ख) उद्योग के तीनों प्रमुख क्षेत्रों, नामतः विनिर्माण, खनन तथा बिजली ने इस अवधि के दौरान सकारात्मक वृद्धि दरें दर्ज कीं।

AID for Providing Standard Weights and Measures

2805. SHRI MOHAN BABU: SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has sought for assistance to provide standard weights and measures of Bureau of Indian Standards, scientific instruments and kits free of cost in various markets as welfare measures of consumers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount proposed to be sanctioned and by when the grant is xpected?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Standing Committee on Consumer Welfare Fund has approved an amount of Rs.77,625/- (Rupees seventy seven thousand six hundered twenty five only) for purchase and distribution of weighing instruments etc. of 50 consumer organisations in the State ot Andhra Pradesh. The Department of Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution, Ministry of Civil Supplies, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution has issued the sanction of the above amount and money released to the Government of Andhra Pradesh on 7th June, 1967.

Export of Agro Products

2806. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to slate:

(a) the details of various policy measures taken to boost export of agro products;

(b) the target set and achievements made in the export of agro-products during last three years;

(c) the areas of concern so far export of agro-based products arc concerned; and

(d) in what manner Government propose to tackle the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) to (d) The export projections for agricultural products (including coffee, tea. raw cotton and marine products) made for the VIII Plan (1992—97) at 1991-92 price and achievements during lie last three years have been as under:—

Year	Export (Rs. in	Projection Achievement
1993-94	1991-92	Crores at (Rs. in
1994-95	; prices)	- Crores)
1995-96		
	9216	12632.5
	10082	3
	11030	12828.1
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The international market for basic agricultural foodstuffs viz. Cereals, dairy products, meat and sugar is constrained